

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006  
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The March 20, 2006 Selectmen's Meeting was opened at 5:05 pm by Vice Chairman Charlie Dillon.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Vice Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Kathi Thurston and Heath Higgins, Town Manager Millard Billings, Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson. Members of the public present were Elisa Friel-Mosenteen, John Goodwin Jr., Ronald Sanborn, Stephen Wilson, and Mark Good – Islander, Mel Atherton, and Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 105	\$25,416.29
Warrant 106	4,942.42
Warrant 107	19,776.00
Warrant 108	354.01

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Vice Chairman Charlie Dillon, to approve Warrants 105- 108. Motion passed by a voice vote 2-0-1. Selectmen Heath Higgins abstained – he is an employee of EL Higgins who has a check on Warrant 107.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTION ON SNOWPLOW BIDS

Bid packets were opened at 4:00 pm on March 20, 2006. Two bids were received – Doug Gott and Sons, \$365,000.00 and John Goodwin Jr., \$510,000.00. Doug Gott and Sons bid was incomplete.

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to table for the Town Manager to contact either MMA or the Town Attorney for more information. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

B. UPDATE NEW TOWN OFFICE

Ads have been submitted to the Bar Harbor Times and Mount Desert Islander to run for three weeks and the Bangor Daily News to run in two weekend editions, for the construction of the Town Office Building.

Steve Wilson, Clerk of the Works for the Office Project, updated the Selectmen on the project.

The Selectmen are concerned there is not enough money for the new Town Office and decided to put an Article in the Warrant for Town Meeting with no dollar amount.

C. TOWN LINE SURVEY

Mike Avery has submitted a copy of an amended Surveyor's Report as sent to Plisga & Day. The second paragraph of page 4 of 5 has been amended to revise and clarify a statement about the deed recorded in Book 1147 Page 382 (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings has spoken to Knuit Hermanson, a renowned authority on survey law, who has agreed to review the documents.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept his revised report from CES, March 13, 2006, from Mike Avery with CES. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

D. RELEASE DEED

Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Conconino Equipment & Investment, Inc. (see attached).

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to sign the Municipal Quitclaim Deed without covenant for Conconino Equipment & Investment, Inc. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

E. DOG WARRANT

Municipal Warrant for Prosecuting Unlicensed Dog Owners.

A mistake was found on the State's form *Municipal Warrant for Prosecuting Unlicensed Dog Owners-Keepers*. The mistake needs to be corrected at the State level. The Dog Warrant will be presented at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL BUDGET

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to recommend \$81,300.00 for Office Operations. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to recommend \$80,000.00 for Law Enforcement. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Vice Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to spend \$2,500.00 for Town Floats. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to recommend \$6,000.00 for General Assistance. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to recommend \$500.00 for Seal Cove Fishway. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to recommend \$94,200.00 for EMR Solid Waste. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to recommend \$58,400.00 for PERC Solid Waste. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to recommend \$1,600.00 for MERC. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to recommend \$1,500.00 for Miscellaneous under Solid Waste. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to recommend \$12,500.00 for Contingency. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to recommend \$207,021.00 for County Tax. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Vice Chairman Charlie Dillon, to recommend \$25,000.00 for Town Truck. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0. Motion passed by a voice vote 2-1. Selectman Kathi Thurston voted against.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to recommend \$75,000.00 for Capital Improvements for State Roads. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked what is a safe amount to remove from surplus. It was decided to invite the auditors to the March 27, 2006 Selectman Meeting.

#### B. LAND ACQUISITION OPTIONS

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated section 405 subsection 6 paragraph C to discuss the acquisition or disposition of real property or interest therein because premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the bargaining position of the Selectpersons. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0. The Selectmen went into executive session at 7:45 pm.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to go back to the regular meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0. The Selectmen returned to the meeting 8:20 pm.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

None

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

**Motion** made by Vice Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to reconsider the tabling of the snowplow bids. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to reject the snowplowing bid of Doug Gott and Sons because the bid proposal was not complete and reject the bid of John Goodwin, Jr. because it's too much money. Motion passed by voice vote 3-0.

**Motion** made by Vice Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to re-advertise the snowplow bids with some new verbiage immediately. Motion passed by a voice vote 3-0.

10. OTHER

The Fire Station has all the walls up and the roof should be on tomorrow. The Selectmen would like to know what is a safe dollar amount to remove from undesignated funds for this years Article and asked Town Manager Millard Billings to ask the Auditors.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

March 27, 2006

12. ADJOURN

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to adjourn. The Selectmen's Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbi Nickerson

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Scott Grierson

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Katharine Thurston

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Heath Higgins

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Charlie Dillon